



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 04-369)

PATENT

In re Application of: Theill et al.)
Serial No.: 09/855,158) Before the Examiner: K. Canella
Filed: May 14, 2001) Group Art Unit: 1642
For: Methods and Compositions)
of Matter Concerning APRIL/G70,)
BCMA, BLYS/AGP-3 and TACI)

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Sir:

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a Three-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Official Action mailed November 6, 2003. A check including the amount of \$950.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is attached. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dated: May 6, 2004

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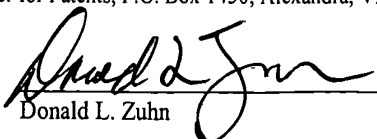
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